

THE EVENING STAR.

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READING MATTER ON EVERY PAGE.
SEE OUTSIDE FOR INTERESTING TELE-
GRAPHIC AND OTHER MATTER.

REBELS.

IMPORTANT FROM THE FRONT.

Desperate Attempt of the Rebels to cut off Wilson's Cavalry—A Three Days Fight—Sixth Corps Captured and Recaptured—The Sixth Corps goes to Wilson's Relief—Desperate Attack of the Rebels—The Enemy Repulsed.

The mail steamer Charlotte Vanderbilt, Captain Colman, which left City Point at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, arrived here at 9 o'clock this morning.

Some further particulars of the fighting by Wilson's cavalry, intercepted by the rebels on its return from the raid on the Danville and Richmond road, are brought up by this boat. Report says that Wilson had been fighting desperately for three days, and that the rebels at one time succeeded in capturing a number of his guns—light field-pieces, but that he subsequently recaptured them.

Wilson had accomplished the purpose of his raid, viz. thoroughly destroying the Richmond and Danville road for a long distance, and doing irreparable damage to the rebel communications, and on his way back, he found himself surrounded, the only means of getting out being through an almost impenetrable swamp, but some of his force succeeded in getting through, but with considerable loss. He lost, it is reported, several of his wagon trains.

The 6th corps being nearest to the point where Wilson was beleaguered, was immediately sent to his relief, and the 1st brigade of the 2d division, making a charge on the rebels, recaptured eight guns, without horses, however. In this charge Col. John Balair, 9th Pennsylvania, was killed while gallantly leading his regiment.

Latest accounts from the front represent the fighting to be going on, and with a prospect of getting the attacking rebels in turn in a tighter place than they got Wilson.

The services he had performed in his raid are, however, deemed of an importance sufficient to repay many times for the capture of his entire force should that be necessary, and the rebels, by their concentrated pursuit of him, show how much they dread these successful raids upon their line of railroad communication from Richmond outward.

The fighting is in the vicinity of Ream's Station on the Weldon Railroad.

Patrols which came up on this boat say that a terrific firing was heard at City Point yesterday morning from the direction of Bermuda Hundred, and it was reported there that the enemy had charged upon Butler's works, and were badly repulsed. No definite information had however, been received.

Col. Dent, of Gen. Grant's staff, and who is a brother-in-law of the General, came up on the Vanderbilt, ordered North on army business.

Col. J. O. Campbell, of the 76th Pa. which is on the left of the 18th corps, who came up on the Vanderbilt, says that the prospects immediately in front of Petersburg are highly favorable. His report is that the rebels are close to the city, and his men in the rifle-pits are close enough to hear bricks fall when an occasional shell strikes the chimneys of the houses in the city. He says that the rebels are constantly throwing into the city. On Wednesday, a mortar shell fell in the midst of his regiment, and exploded, but did not hurt any of the men, and the rebels in every direction, yet strange to say, not a man was injured.

A few days ago a captain and five privates of the 1st corps, who were on a patrol, came within the line of the 11th Va., and themselves up as deserters. They state that the rebel army is now pretty well fed, and have captured and collected regularly, the supply coming through black runners.

They state however, that among the Virginia troops there is dissatisfaction, because the scene of the great battles has been kept in Virginia, and express the belief that if Grant would drive the rebels from that State, but few Virginians who now so zealously fight on their own soil would remain in the Confederate ranks.

The rebels appear to have some excellent sharpshooters in the works about Petersburg, and our officers are frequently singled out by them. Day after day a heavy cannonading is kept up by the 2d New York heavy artillery, which has now it is reported, but 14 officers, was killed in our second line of works at an astonishing distance from the rebel works.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.
Arrival of Guns Captured by the Colored Troops in Front of Petersburg.

The U. S. transport Star, Capt. G. E. Curtis, arrived at an early hour this morning, bringing up four 12-pound brass Napoleon guns and three limbers, captured in front of Petersburg by Burnside's colored troops in the early fighting there. These guns belonged to the Macon (Ga.) Light Artillery, a portion of whom were captured, and comprised the entire battery. The rebels succeeding in carrying off only one gun.

The Star for a week past has been engaged in carrying Sheridan's command across the James river, and completed the job on Wednesday afternoon.

THE TREASURY.
The public mind has settled down into the conviction that Mr. Fessenden will accept and go to the Treasury as soon as he has completed the business of the Finance Committee in the Senate.

Official Acknowledgment.
[From the Frankfort Commonwealth, June 27.]
We publish below dispatches from the President and Secretary of War commending the efforts of Gen. Burbridge and those under his command for successful operations against Morgan and his band:

WASHINGTON, June 14, 1864.
To Gen. Burbridge: Have just received your dispatch of the 10th inst. in relation to the capture of Morgan's band. Please accept my congratulations and thanks for your successful operations.

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To Gen. Burbridge: Please accept for yourself and the soldiers of your gallant command the thanks of this Department for the brave and successful operations of the last six days in Kentucky—achievements of great energy and success that will be remembered with admiration by all loyal people of the United States.

COLUMBIA TYPEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.
A stated meeting will be held THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock, at the office of the Society, 11th St. and 1st St. N. E. J. C. PROCTOR, R. S.

ST. MATTHEW'S SUNDAY SCHOOL will give a picnic at 7th street park, on MONDAY, the 11th of July. Look out for future advertisement. By order of Committee.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The semi-annual meeting of the Society will be held in the Medical College, at 12 o'clock, on MONDAY, July 4th, at 12 o'clock.

W. McK. TUCKER, M. D., Recording Secretary.

NOTICE.—The Commissioners of the Public Land Office have located the district of England House, are now prepared to receive applications for land. Applications may be made to the Commissioners.

CONCORDIA LYCEUM.—The regular meeting of Concordia Lyceum will be held every SATURDAY EVENING at 8 o'clock, at the hall of the Lyceum, 11th St. and 1st St. N. E. J. C. PROCTOR, R. S.

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